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Subject: ORIENTATION PROGRAM

I. AUTHORITY: TCA 4-3-603, TCA 4-3-606.

- II. PURPOSE: To establish a comprehensive orientation program for all inmates.
- III. <u>APPLICATION:</u> To Assistant Commissioner of Operations, Wardens, Director of Classification Programs, institutional staff, inmates, and privately managed facilities.
- IV. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>: None.
- V. <u>POLICY:</u> All inmates received at any Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC) facility or facility housing TDOC inmates shall participate in an orientation program.

VI. PROCEDURES:

- A. The orientation program shall occur within one week of the inmate's arrival. An inmate's refusal to participate in orientation may result in disciplinary action.
- B. When orientation cannot be completed within 7 days due to significant medical/mental health problems or temporary absence from custody, such shall be documented on the Orientation Acknowledgment. Orientation shall then be completed within 7 days of return to institution or when medical/mental health status allows.
- C. Inmates who may have difficulty in understanding the orientation program and/or written materials due to a language and/or literacy problem or hearing or visual impairment, shall receive personal assistance from a facility staff member or volunteer.
- D. The correctional classification coordinator/designee shall be responsible for:
 - 1. Ensuring that the orientation program occurs within one week after receipt of the inmate and is documented by completion of the Orientation Acknowledgment (CR-2110).
 - 2. Ensuring involvement of a representative of the inmate population in the orientation program, and documentation of same on the Orientation Acknowledgment.
- E. Requirements for orientation of new commitments and inmates returning to TDOC from a temporary absence of 90 days or more include:
 - 1. An explanation of TDOC Inmate Rules and Regulations, including disciplinary and security threat group (STG) procedures, and range of

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penalties, with a written copy provided to the inmate. (See Policy #502.04 and #506.25.)

- 2. Eligibility criteria for and description of programs and services available throughout the TDOC. Inmates shall be advised that TDOC program assignments are equitable and in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination in program service delivery or benefits on the basis of race, color, or national origin, and Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender or visual impairment in the provision of any educational program or activity.
- 3. A brief explanation of the major aspects of a felony sentence, i.e., parole eligibility, release dates, credit for jail time, earning sentence credits, etc.
- 4. A brief explanation of the consequences of incurring additional felony conviction(s) while on release for furlough or program assignment outside a TDOC facility per TCA 40-28-123. (See form BI01D089 for specific wording).
- F. An inmate transferred to another institution shall complete orientation within seven days of arrival, as shall an inmate placed at an annex or other specific unit which has significantly different rules and procedures. Institutional and specific unit orientation programs shall be detailed in written format σ on videotape. The institutional orientation program shall include, but not be limited to, discussion and written materials of the following:
 - 1. Institutional rules and/or unit regulations, programs, access to health care, and activities
 - 2. The classification process, including procedures for custody level changes, program assignments, and institutional transfers
 - 3. Procedures for mail and visitation
 - 4. Personal property procedures
 - 5. Inmate grievance procedures
 - 6. Procedure for job assignments
- G. Segregation orientation shall occur within twenty-four (24) hours of placement including (F) (1-6), above, and any other procedures unique to segregation.
- H. Additional information pertaining to inmate orientation is contained in the <u>Classification User's Guide</u> published by the Director of Classification Programs.
- VII. ACA STANDARDS: 3-4271, 3-4272, 3-4274 through 3-4278.
- VIII. EXPIRATION DATE: August 15, 2005.



TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION **ORIENTATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

	INSTITUTION	-
INMATE NAME: _	TDOC #	t:
	ne orientation program of this institution. I have been and privileges available to me.	further advised of the
I have been issued	a copy of:	
	TDOC INMATE RULES AND REGULATIONS	
	INSTITUTIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS	
	SPECIFIC UNIT RULES AND REGULATIONS	
I have been issued	a <u>revised</u> copy of:	
	TDOC INMATE RULES AND REGULATIONS	
	INSTITUTIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS	
	SPECIFIC UNIT RULES AND REGULATIONS	
	Inmate Signature	Date
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POLICY CHANGE NOTICE 04-75

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please change Section VI.(G) to read as follows:

"G. All institutions will provide incoming inmates with a copy of the TDOC and/or institutional Inmate Rules and regulations Handbook during the health screening process and a copy of their visitation handbook within 24 hours of arrival."

Please change Section VII. to read as follows:

"VII. ACA STANDARDS: 4-4284, 4-4285, 4-4287 through 4-4291, 4-4344."



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POLICY CHANGE NOTICE 04-3

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please add the following as a new Section VI.(G) and reletter the remaining portions of the policy accordingly.

"G. All institutions will provide incoming inmates with a copy of their visitation handbook within 24 hours of arrival."

Please change Section VII. to read as follows:

"VII. ACA STANDARDS: 4-4284, 4-4285, 4-4287 through 4-4291."



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POLICY CHANGE NOTICE 02-56

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please add the following to Section VI.(E):

"5. Procedures for reporting sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, or sexual abuse by staff or other persons as defined by Policy #305.03."